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EASLEY REAPPOINTS BEGLEY TO PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley reappointed **M. Wendell Begley** of Black Mountain to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority.

Begley is currently president and chief executive officer of Black Mountain Savings Bank where he has been employed since 1972. Begley has served on the Buncombe County Board of Education since 1984 and has served as chair for over 10 years. He is the past president of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as the chair of the Swannanoa Valley Museum Board of Directors. Begley received his bachelor's degree in business administration and economics from King College in Bristol, TN.

The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority handles public and private donations, as well as grants and appropriations to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. The funds are used for acquisitions, repairs and improvements to parks across the state. The board has 11 members, and the Governor appoints three members. Each member serves a two-year term.

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